# DELAWARE LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

## PROGRAM MANUAL and APPLICATIONS

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# **Delaware Loan Repayment Program**

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#### **FACT SHEET**

#### **Program Description**

• The Delaware Loan Repayment Program is designed to recruit health professionals to areas of the state that have been identified as underserved by the Delaware Health Care Commission. Applications are currently being accepted for these specialties:

Advanced-degree Practitioners	Mid-level Practitioners
Primary Care Physicians (MD and DO)	Registered Clinical Dental Hygienists
Family Medicine*	Primary Care Certified Nurse Practitioners
Osteopathic Practitioners*	Certified Nurse Midwives
Internal Medicine*	Primary Care Physicians Assistants
• Pediatrics*	Licensed Clinical Psychologists
Obstetrics & Gynecology*	Psychiatric Nurse Specialists
General and Pediatric Psychiatry*	Licensed Clinical Social Workers
Medical Oncologists	Licensed Prof. Counselors of Mental Health
General Practice Dentists (DDS and DMD)	Licensed Marriage & Family Therapists

(Note- \* Indicates an approved primary care specialty for physicians.)

- Through this program, the Higher Education Commission is authorized to make awards for repayment of outstanding government and commercial loans incurred during undergraduate or graduate education (i.e. principal, interest and related expenses for tuition and educational costs).
- Applications from <u>practice sites</u> seeking to recruit and hire a clinician under this loan repayment program are also accepted. Practice sites include public or private non-profit settings and private practices (solo or group). Loan repayment funds may also be awarded to assist with loans for capital/equipment expenditures to establish a practice in an area of high need. For more information please contact the program coordinator at (302) 672-5187.
- Health professionals participating in this program must provide health services in a practice setting approved by the Delaware Health Care Commission. <u>Initial</u> contracts may be signed for a minimum of two (2) years and maximum of three (3) years. Participants may re-apply for contract extensions in one-year increments, not to exceed a total of four (4) years of loan repayment. Extensions will be granted at the discretion of the Loan Repayment Committee and are contingent upon the availability of funds. Priority will be given to new applicants.
- The Delaware State Loan Repayment Committee will review and rank applications in priority order. This will be based on the objective review of data (including public health indicators, the number and spatial distribution of providers practicing in Delaware, hospital needs assessments when applicable), the availability of funding, practice sites and (when applicable) the outcome of face-to-face interviews with selected applicants.

#### **Types of Loan Repayment Awards**

The Loan Repayment Program is funded through a combination of state and federal funds. Depending on the type and location of the practice site, some awards qualify to receive matching state and federal contributions and others are funded with state-only dollars. The same conditions and requirements apply to both types of loan repayment awards.

- State & federal funds must be a non-profit, public facility or practice located in a designated health professional shortage area.
- State-only funds private, for-profit facility or practice located in a designated health professional shortage area; and awards for capital/equipment loans.

#### **Tax Implications**

- State & Federal funds according to an interpretation of a recent amendment to the Federal Public Health Service Act, qualifying loan repayment awards funded with matching State & Federal dollars awarded on or after January 1, 2004 are exempt from federal gross income and employment taxes. Additionally, the State of Delaware follows the federal regulations so that qualifying loan repayment funds are also exempt from Delaware state income tax.
- State-only funds awards funded with non-qualifying State-only dollars may constitute a taxable event subject to state and federal taxation on the total award amount. Participants receiving state-only funded awards will receive a Tax Form 1099 for each year they receive a loan repayment award.

Recipients will be notified at the time of award, and prior to signing a contract, whether their award contains qualifying State & Federal dollars OR State-only dollars. All loan repayment award recipients are strongly advised and urged to contact their own tax professional for information and advice regarding the possible tax implications specific to their personal financial circumstances and loan repayment awards.

#### **Default Provision**

Loan repayment recipients whose awards contain <u>State & Federal funds</u> must agree to the following provision. Should the participant breach the loan repayment contract by failing to complete the specified service commitment the participant will owe the State of Delaware an amount equal to the sum of the following:

- a. The total of the amounts paid by the SLRP to, or on behalf of, the participant for loan repayments for any period of obligated service not served;
- b. An amount equal to the product of the number of months of obligated service not completed multiplied by \$7,500; and
- c. Interest on the amounts above at the maximum legal prevailing rate, as determined by the Treasurer of the United States, from the date of breach, except that the amount the State of Delaware is entitled to recover shall not be less than \$31,000.

#### **Award Amounts**

- Advanced-degree Practitioners may be granted up to \$70,000 total for a two (2) year commitment, or \$105,000 for a three (3) year contract.\*
- **Mid-level Practitioners** may be granted up to \$35,000 total for a two (2) year commitment, or \$52,500 maximum for a three (3) year contract.\*

\*Please note that these figures represent the <u>maximum</u> award possible over 3 years; they are <u>not</u> guaranteed levels of funding. <u>Average</u> awards for advanced-degree practitioners range from \$25,000 - \$35,000 for a two year contract. Average awards for mid-level practitioners range from \$10,000 - \$15,000 for a two year contract. All awards are paid on a graduated scale.

#### **Distribution Formulae Tables**

**Advanced-degree Practitioners** – payments will be made in accordance to the table below.

Payments will be made 2 times a year, after 6 months of service. EXAMPLE:					
Service Year	Period	Award	Debt Repay \$	Cumulative \$	
1	1 <sup>st</sup> 6 mo.	$1/10^{\text{th}}$	7,000		
	$2^{\text{nd}}$ 6 mo.	$2/10^{th}$	14,000	(21,000)	
2	1 <sup>st</sup> 6 mo.	$3/10^{th}$	21,000	(42,000)	
	$2^{\text{nd}}$ 6 mo.	4/10 <sup>th</sup>	28,000	(70,000)	
3 (if applicable)	1 <sup>st</sup> 6 mo.	1/2	17,500	(87,500)	
	2 <sup>nd</sup> 6 mo.	1/2	17,500	(105,000)	

#### **Mid-level Practitioners** - payments will be made in accordance to the table below.

Payments will be made 2 times a year, after 6 months of service. EXAMPLE:						
Service Year	Period	Award	Debt Repay \$	Cumulative \$		
1	1 <sup>st</sup> 6 mo.	$1/10^{\text{th}}$	3,500			
	2 <sup>nd</sup> 6 mo.	$2/10^{th}$	7,000	(10,500)		
2	1 <sup>st</sup> 6 mo.	$3/10^{th}$	10,500	(21,000)		
	2 <sup>nd</sup> 6 mo.	$4/10^{th}$	14,000	(35,000)		
3 (if applicable)	1 <sup>st</sup> 6 mo.	1/2	8,750	(43,750)		
	2 <sup>nd</sup> 6 mo.	1/2	8,750	(52,500)		

# **Practice Site Requirements:** Practice sites must meet the following conditions:

- Be located in a health professional shortage area identified by the Delaware Health Care Commission;
- Be identified by the Delaware Health Care Commission as a loan repayment practice site;
- Be committed to employing a health professional full-time (minimum of 40 hours a week, not including time on-call or travel time, except in those instances where the clinician is providing full-time care to low income, homebound patients in an underserved area and for whom transportation to the clinician's office is either unavailable or unreliable) for a minimum of two (2) years;

- Provide assurance that compensation to Loan Repayment Clinician(s) will be comparable to prevailing rates in the area;
- Provide adequate documentation of the medical care that will be provided by the Loan Repayment Clinician; and
- Certify that the Loan Repayment Clinician will provide health care services to Medicare, Medicaid, State Children Health Insurance Program (S-CHIP), and uninsured patients.
- All practice site sponsors must not have been convicted of any felony, including but not limited to violent felonies, as so defined under either Federal or State law and as more particularly defined and enumerated in 11 **Del. C.** Sec. 4201; and not have been convicted or found guilty of, or disciplined by this or any other State licensing Board or Agency authorized to issue a certificate to practice medicine or dentistry in this or any other State, for unprofessional conduct as so defined in 24 **Del. C.** Sec. 1731(a);
- Practice sites must agree to allow all non-dental clinicians to participate in the Delaware Community Healthcare Access Program (CHAP) and the Voluntary Initiative Program Phase II (VIP II) sponsored by the Medical Society of Delaware. CHAP provides low cost or no cost primary care "medical homes" to individuals who are ineligible for the Diamond State Health Plan or the Delaware Healthy Children Program, yet within established income limits. Enrollment in CHAP also provides eligible individuals with access to a statewide network of medical subspecialty services. Other benefits currently under negotiation include discounted lab and x-ray services, and pharmaceuticals. CHAP recipients receive discounted medical services based upon their income. VIP II is a statewide network of private physicians who accept CHAP patients into their practices and serve as their health home or provide medical subspecialty services.

# Health Professional Requirements: Applicants must meet the following conditions -

- Be a clinician practicing in an eligible specialty with United States citizenship or a legal permanent resident of the United States or be a selected refugee approved by the U.S. Attorney General;
- Be committed to providing full-time patient care (minimum of 40 hours a week, not including time on-call or travel time, except in those instances where the clinician is providing full-time care to low income, homebound patients in an underserved area and for whom transportation to the clinician's office is either unavailable or unreliable) for a minimum of two (2) years in an underserved area;
- Establish residency within 30 minutes of the practice site or, in the case of physicians, meet the requirement of the hospital in the catchment areas for admitting privileges;
- Have a valid, unrestricted license to practice in the State of Delaware at the time the service obligation begins;
- Have not been convicted of any felony, including but not limited to violent felonies, as so defined under either Federal or State law and as more particularly defined and enumerated in 11 **Del. C.** Sec. 4201;
- Have not been convicted or found guilty of, or disciplined by this or any other State licensing Board or Agency authorized to issue a certificate to practice medicine or dentistry in this or any other State, for unprofessional conduct as so defined in 24 **Del. C.** Sec. 1731(a). Such a

bar to applying for the Delaware State Loan Repayment Program For Health Professionals shall occur if the applicant was disciplined by means of levying a fine or by the restriction, suspension or revocation, either permanently or temporarily, of the applicant's certificate to practice medicine or dentistry, or by other appropriate action, which may include a requirement that the applicant who was disciplined must also complete specified continuing professional education courses.

- Have outstanding qualifying higher education loans that are not in default;
- All <u>dentists</u> must agree that a minimum of 20% of their scheduled appointments will be comprised of Medicaid and S-CHIP (Delaware Healthy Children Program) patients and/or low-income (<200 FPL) dentally uninsured patients who will be provided care at reduced rates or free-of-charge. Low-income patients may include participants in the Nemours Dental Outreach program and the Vocational Rehabilitation program administered through the Delaware Division of Public Health. Unannounced audits of office scheduling records may be made periodically by Loan Repayment officials.
- All non-dental clinicians must agree to participate in the Delaware Community Healthcare Access Program (CHAP) and the Voluntary Initiative Program Phase II (VIP II) sponsored by the Medical Society of Delaware. CHAP provides low cost or no cost primary care "medical homes" to individuals who are ineligible for the Diamond State Health Plan or the Delaware Healthy Children Program, yet within established income limits. Enrollment in CHAP also provides eligible individuals with access to a statewide network of medical subspecialty services. Other benefits currently under negotiation include discounted lab and x-ray services, and pharmaceuticals. CHAP recipients receive discounted medical services based upon their income. VIP II is a statewide network of private physicians who accept CHAP patients into their practices and serve as their health home or provide medical subspecialty services. To enroll in VIP II, call Wheeler & Associates at (302) 335-1560.

**Applications:** Applications are accepted from practice sites and health professionals on a continuous basis. Interested persons should contact:

Loan Repayment Coordinator Delaware Health Care Commission Haslet Armory Suite 202 122 William Penn Street Dover, DE 19901

Phone: (302) 672-5187 Fax: (302) 739-6927

Website: http://www.dhcc.delaware.gov/services/slrp.shtml

#### **Application Review Process:**

Loan Repayment Applications are reviewed in three steps over the course of about one month.

- 1. Loan Repayment Committee preliminary review and recommendations
- 2. Delaware Institute for Medical Education and Research (DIMER) for medical applicants Delaware Institute for Dental Education & Research (DIDER) for dental applicants
- 3. Delaware Health Care Commission final decision.

#### PROCEDURES & REQUIREMENTS

#### **INTRODUCTION**

The Delaware Health Care Commission (DHCC), in cooperation with the Delaware Health and Social Services (DHSS) and the Delaware Higher Education Commission (DHEC), administers the Delaware Loan Repayment Program. Each is committed to ensuring that quality health care is available to all residents of the State of Delaware.

The Delaware State Loan Repayment Program is designed to recruit health professionals to areas of the State that have been identified as underserved by the Delaware Health Care Commission. The program provides educational loan repayment assistance to clinicians approved for the program. These clinicians will work at an eligible practice site in Delaware, which must be located in an area identified by the DHCC as being medically underserved. Health professionals participating in this program must provide services full-time (a minimum of 40 hours per week, not including on-call or travel time) for a minimum of two (2) years. Contracts may be extended in one-year increments at the discretion of the Loan Repayment Committee.

The Delaware Loan Repayment Program procedures apply to the following:

- Practice sites seeking to hire an eligible health professional under this loan repayment program.
- Health professionals seeking loan repayment through employment at an existing practice site or with the intent to establish a solo/private practice.

# **APPLICATION PROCESS** (Practice Sites and Health Professionals)

# **Practice Site Application Requirements**

A preliminary review of each application will be conducted by the Loan Repayment Program Coordinator to determine 1) if the practice site is located within a shortage area, as identified by DHCC, and 2) that the required documentation is complete. The preliminary review will be conducted solely for the purpose of determining the completeness of the application; the specific content provided in each of the components will not be considered. Incomplete applications will be returned immediately.

The Practice Site Application (Appendix A) must, at a minimum, include the following:

#### A. <u>Practice Site Application Form (see Appendix A):</u>

- **1. Facility Information:** Provide the name, address, county, telephone number and fax number of the practice site interested in hiring a Loan Repayment Clinician. Also, indicate the type of practice site (i.e. group practice/solo practice, public, private not for profit, private for profit).
- **2. Practice Site:** Provide the name, address, and county of actual practice site at which the Loan Repayment Clinician would practice, if different from the primary location of the practice site.

- **3. Recruitment Contact:** Provide the name, address, phone number, fax number and the email address of the individual responsible for clinician recruitment. All Loan Repayment Program correspondence will be directed to the person identified as the recruitment contact.
- 4. Practice Site Data Regarding Active Clients: Provide the total number of active patients at the practice site in the previous calendar year. Indicate total patients, as applicable, for primary care, specialty care and mental health services. Provide pro-rated or estimated annual totals if the practice site was not operational for the entire previous calendar year. For new practice sites, estimate the number of patients anticipated for the next year. Of the total number of patients, provide the percentage of all current patients, broken out by given age groups, making payment conventional insurance plans, Medicare, Medicaid or self-pay. Submit a sliding fee scale if applicable. In cases where individual negotiated payment arrangements are made, please indicate the number of patients treated in this manner and describe the general financial arrangements.
- **5. Staffing Levels:** Provide the total number of budgeted full-time equivalent providers currently on staff. Also include the number of Loan Repayment Clinicians requested by specialty and the projected hire date of each.
- **6. Practice Site Hours of Operation:** Indicate the normal operating hours of the practice site by the days of the week. If hours of operation vary by practitioner, please specify.
- 7. Proposed Loan Repayment Clinician Weekly Work Schedule: Indicate the proposed weekly work schedule of the proposed Loan Repayment Clinician(s). Include the number of hours (with start and end times) and the location (hospital/practice site). The schedule must indicate the amount of time the Loan Repayment Clinician is actually providing services; do not include travel or on-call time. A separate schedule must be included for each proposed loan repayment clinician.

#### **B.** Retention:

The practice site must provide written documentation of plans to retain the Loan Repayment Clinician in the service area upon completion of their service obligation. Specifically, this plan must include short-term and long-term strategies that will not only keep the clinician in the service area, but also will encourage the clinician to continue to practice the specialty for which he/she was hired, including but not limited to malpractice insurance, partnership opportunities, pension, annual and sick leave, market rate competitive salary and salary increases. Please limit the retention plan to one-page. **Applications submitted without a retention plan are deemed incomplete and will not be considered.** 

#### **C.** Practice Site Agreement:

The director or applicant official of the practice site must initial each of the statements on the Practice Site Agreement (see Appendix A) indicating agreement to comply with all requirements of the Delaware Loan Repayment Program. The director or applicant official of the practice site must provide an original, dated application with a live signature (using blue ink). This signature binds the site to the information provided and verifies that the form has been completed with accurate and current information.

# **Health Professional Application Requirements**

DHCC reserves the right to approve or decline any application.

Health Professional Applicants must meet the following conditions:

- Be a clinician practicing in an eligible specialty with United States citizenship or a legal permanent resident of the United States or be a selected refugee approved by the U.S. Attorney General;
- Be committed to providing full-time patient care (minimum of 40 hours a week, not including time on-call or travel time, except in those instances where the clinician is providing full-time care to low income, homebound patients in an underserved area and for whom transportation to the clinician's office is either unavailable or unreliable) for a minimum of two (2) years in an underserved area;
- Establish residency within 30 minutes of the practice site or, in the case of physicians, meet the requirement of the hospital in the catchments areas for admitting privileges;
- Have a valid, unrestricted license to practice medicine in the State of Delaware at the time the service obligation begins;
- Have not been convicted of any felony, including but not limited to violent felonies, as so defined under either Federal or State law and as more particularly defined and enumerated in 11 **Del. C.** Sec. 4201;
- Have not been convicted or found guilty of, or disciplined by this or any other State licensing Board or Agency authorized to issue a certificate to practice medicine or dentistry in this or any other State, for unprofessional conduct as so defined in 24 Del. C. Sec. 1731(a). Such a bar to applying for the Delaware State Loan Repayment Program For Health Professionals shall occur if the applicant was disciplined by means of levying a fine or by the restriction, suspension or revocation, either permanently or temporarily, of the applicant's certificate to practice medicine or dentistry, or by other appropriate action, which may include a requirement that the applicant who was disciplined must also complete specified continuing professional education courses;
- Have outstanding qualifying higher education loans that are not in default;
- All <u>dentists</u> must agree that a minimum of 20% of their scheduled appointments will be comprised of Medicaid patients and/or low-income (<200 FPL) dentally uninsured patients who will be provided care at reduced rates or free-of-charge. Low-income patients may include participants in the Nemours Dental Outreach program and the Vocational Rehabilitation program administered through the Delaware Division of Public Health.
- All <u>non-dental clinicians</u> must agree to participate in the Delaware Community Healthcare Access Program (CHAP) and the Voluntary Initiative Program Phase II (VIP II) sponsored by the Medical Society of Delaware. CHAP provides low cost or no cost primary care "medical homes" to individuals who are ineligible for the Diamond State Health Plan or the Delaware Healthy Children Program, yet within established income limits. Enrollment in CHAP also provides eligible individuals with access to a statewide network of medical subspecialty services. Other benefits currently under negotiation include discounted lab and x-ray services, and pharmaceuticals. CHAP recipients receive discounted medical services based upon their income. VIP II is a statewide network of private physicians who accept CHAP patients into their practices and serve as their health home or provide medical subspecialty services. To enroll in VIP II, call Wheeler & Associates at (302) 335-1560.

The Loan Repayment Health Professional Application (see Appendix B for application forms) must, at a minimum, include the following:

#### A. <u>Clinician Data Form</u>:

The Clinician Data Form must be completed and have attached the following:

- Copy of the Loan Repayment applicant's curriculum vitae; and
- Evidence of a Delaware license or certification or application for such.

#### **B.** Employment Contract:

Self-employed and/or solo practitioners do not need to submit an employment contract. However, self-employed clinicians must clearly demonstrate their fiscal and administrative capacity to operate a medical practice.

A non self-employed clinician must enter into an employment contract with a practice site, which must, at a minimum, include the following:

- Name and address of the practice site located in the underserved area, as identified by DHCC, at which the clinician will provide medical services. If the Loan Repayment Clinician will practice at more than one site, include the days and hours of practice at each site and a breakdown in the amount of time the clinician will practice at each;
- A statement that the practice site will employ the clinician on a full-time basis (minimum of 40 hours per week), not including time spent in travel and/or on-call);
- Description of the Loan Repayment Clinician's qualifications, proposed responsibilities and how his/her employment will meet currently unmet health care needs of a medically underserved community;
- If the Loan Repayment Clinician will be practicing in a medically underserved area as identified by DHCC that is based on a population group, the employer must provide adequate documentation of the care that will be provided to this group; and
- Certification that the Loan Repayment Clinician will provide health care services to Medicare, Medicaid and uninsured patients; and certification that all Physicians and the sponsoring physicians of a Physician Assistant will participate in the Voluntary Initiative Program (VIP II).

#### C. <u>Loan Information and Verification Form:</u>

The Loan Repayment Clinician must include a notarized 'Loan Information and Verification Form.' The document must contain the applicant's live, notarized signature (in blue ink).

#### D. <u>Health Professional Loan Repayment Program Contract:</u>

The health professional must enter into a contract with the State of Delaware committing to comply with all program requirements, including the following:

• Practice full-time in the approved underserved area for a minimum of two (2) years;

- Notify DHCC in writing within 30 days prior of any contractual changes that result in termination of contract, change in practice scope, and/or relocation from a practice site approved in the application request;
- Request any move to a different practice site than that already approved in writing to DHCC at least thirty (30) days prior to the change. Requests to change location of practice will be reevaluated based on eligibility criterion and service area priorities; and
- Report all changes in practice location and/or scope as well as routine correspondence to the following:

Loan Repayment Coordinator Delaware Health Care Commission Haslet Armory Suite 202 122 William Penn Street Dover, DE 19901

Phone: (302) 672-5187 Fax: (302) 739-6927

#### PROGRAM EVALUATION

The Delaware Loan Repayment Program is intended to assist with the recruitment of health professionals in underserved areas of Delaware, as identified by the Delaware Health Care Commission (DHCC), and the subsequent retention of such clinicians. In an effort to monitor the program, DHCC will collect various data, which will be utilized for evaluation purposes in terms the effects of the program on clinician recruitment and retention and to monitor the compliance with program requirements. The opportunity to discuss the experiences with the Loan Repayment Program of both clinicians and practice sites is welcome at any point. The following periodic reporting mechanisms are designed to collect evaluation information:

#### A. Practice Site Facility Visits:

The Delaware Loan Repayment Program reserves the right to conduct site visits to ensure the clinician and the practice site remain in compliance with all program requirements. Site visits will be conducted periodically and may be unannounced.

#### B. <u>Clinician Annual Reporting Process:</u>

An annual reporting process is used to ensure that each Loan Repayment Clinician continues to practice the approved medicine type at the original site approved for the required two years. DHCC will forward an Annual Practice Report form (see Appendix D for a sample form) to the practice site within thirty (30) days of the anniversary of the Loan Repayment Clinician's start date. The practice site must forward the completed, signed Annual Practice Report to DHCC within fifteen (15) working days of receipt. A new Annual Practice Report must be submitted for each year of practice obligation.

#### C. Exit Interview:

Each Loan Repayment recipient must complete an exit interview within ninety (90) days prior to completion of his/her two-year obligation, or at such point that the employment contract is terminated by either the practice site or the Loan Repayment Clinician. DHCC will conduct the exit interview, which will concentrate on the Loan Repayment Clinician's experiences in Delaware and their future plans for practicing medicine.

# COMPLETED APPLICATIONS AND ASSOCIATED LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM CLINCIAN CORRESPONDENCE MUST BE SENT TO:

Loan Repayment Coordinator Delaware Health Care Commission Haslet Armory Suite 202 122 William Penn Street Dover, DE 19901

Phone: (302) 672-5187 Fax: (302) 739-6927

## APPENDIX A

# DELAWARE STATE LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM PRACTICE SITE APPLICATION FORM

City:	State:	Zip:	County:
Telephone Number: _		Fax Number:	
Group Practice:	Public:	Private For Profit:	Private Non Profit:
Practice Site:			
Street Address:			Census Tract:
City:	State:	Zip:	County:
Recruitment Contact	·		
Street Address:			
City:	State:	Zip:	<u> </u>
Telephone Number:		Fax Number:	
E-Mail Address:			

# **5. Practice Site Data Regarding Active Clients**

Primary Health Care	Specialty Care	TOTAL	
General Dental Care	 Mental Health Care		
Pediatric Dental Care	Other		

Please provide information on the percent of the total patient population of the practice that falls under the following payment categories:

AGE GROUP	MEDICAID or S-CHIP	MEDICARE	SELF-PAY (UNINSURED)	COMMERCIAL INSURANCE
			NEGOTIATED/ REDUCED FEE or FREE SERVICE	
Birth – 11 Years	%	%	%	%
12- 18 Years	%	%	%	%
19-62 Years	%	%	%	%
63+ Years	%	%	%	%

# 6. Staffing Levels

AREA OF PRACTICE		FFING VEL	# of Loan Repayment	PROJECTED HIRING TIMELI (Please include estimated date if kr			
AREA OF TRACTICE	Full	Current	Clinicians Requested	1-3 Months	4-6 Months	7-12 Months	More than 12 Months
PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIANS/DENTISTS							
Family Practice							
General Internal Medicine							
General Pediatrics							
Obstetrics/Gynecology							
Dentist							
Other (Please Specify)							
SPECIALIST							
PHYSICIANS							
(Please Specify Specialty Area)		I	I	T	T T		T
Medical Oncology							
General Psychiatry							
Pediatric Psychiatry							
Other (Please Specify)							
NURSE PRACTITIONER	S						
Family Nurse Practitioners							
Adult Nurse Practitioners							
Geriatric Nurse Practitioners							
Pediatric Nurse Practitioners							
Women's Health Nurse Practitioners							
Psychiatric Nurse Practitioners							
OTHER DISCIPLINES			L				
Physician Assistants							
Certified Nurse Midwives							
Dental Hygienist							
Dental Assistant							
Clinical Psychologists							
Clinical Social Workers							
Psychiatric Nurse Specialist							
Licensed Prof. Counselor							
Licensed Marriage & Family Therapists							
Other (Please Specify)							
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## 7. Practice Site Hours of Operation.

DAY	TIME (Start and End)		TOTAL HOURS
Monday	AM: PM:		
Tuesday	AM:	PM:	
Wednesday	AM:	PM:	
Thursday	AM:	PM:	
Friday	AM:	PM:	
Saturday	AM:	PM:	
Sunday	AM:	PM:	

## 8. Proposed Loan Repayment Clinician Weekly Work Schedule:

DAY	TIME (Start and End)		WHERE (Practice Site)	TOTAL HOURS
Monday	AM:	PM:		
Tuesday	AM:	PM:		
Wednesday	AM:	PM:		
Thursday	AM:	PM:		
Friday	AM:	PM:		
Saturday	AM:	PM:		
Sunday	AM:	PM:		

Provide a separate work schedule for each Loan Repayment Clinician requested and specify the specialty of each.

#### **RETENTION**

Describe your short and long-range plan for the <u>retention</u> of a Loan Repayment Clinician during and beyond the required two-year obligation. Please use additional paper and be specific. **Applications submitted without a retention plan are deemed incomplete and will not be considered.** 

#### PRACTICE SITE AGREEMENT

The Delaware Health Care Commission (DHCC) is committed to ensuring that all Delaware residents have access to quality, affordable health care. Accordingly, DHCC is prepared to consider loan repayment applications on behalf of clinicians under certain conditions. The director or applicant official for the facility or practice site applying to the Loan Repayment Program must initial each of the following requirements:

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	The practice site agrees to comply with all of the Program requirements set forth in this Agreement and guidelines.
	The Loan Repayment Clinician will provide health care services for at least forty (40) hours a
	week at the practice site named in the application for a minimum of two (2) years, as agreed upon in the contract. No more than 8 of those hours per week may be devoted to practice related administrative activities. The practice will include hospital treatment coverage appropriate to meet the needs of patients of the approved service site and to ensure continuity of care.
	With the exception of obstetrician/gynecologists, at least 32 of the minimum 40 hours per week will be spent providing clinical services in the ambulatory setting at the practice site names in the application, during normally scheduled office hours. The remaining hours will be spen providing inpatient care to patients of the approved site, and/or in practice-related administrative activities.
	Obstetrician/gynecologists will spend the majority of the 40 hours per week (not less than 21 hours per week) providing ambulatory care services at the approved practice site during normally scheduled office hours. The remaining hours will be spent providing inpatient care to patients of the approved practice site, and/or in practice-related administrative activities Administrative activities will not exceed 8 hours per week.
	The practice site agrees to provide health services to Medicare, Medicaid, S-CHIP, and uninsured patients on a reduced or pro bono basis for those patients demonstrating a hardship.
	The practice site has a nondiscrimination policy that prohibits discrimination based on race creed, disability or religion.
	The practice site must allow all loan repayment <b>dentists</b> to agree that a minimum of 20% of
	their scheduled appointments will be comprised of Medicaid patients and/or low-income (<200 FPL) dentally uninsured patients who will be provided care at reduced rates or free-of-charge.
	Practice sites must agree to allow all non-dental clinicians to participate in the Delaware Community Healthcare Access Program (CHAP) and the Voluntary Initiative Program Phase II (VIP II) sponsored by the Medical Society of Delaware. To enroll in VIP II, call Wheeler &
	Associates at (302) 335-1560.

I understand and acknowledge that the review of this practice site application is discretionary and that in the event a decision is made not to approve the site application, I hold harmless the State of Delaware, DHCC and any and all State employees and/or any and all individuals or organizations involved in the review process from any action or lack of action made in connection with this request.
COMPREHENSIVE SYSTEM OF CARE  The providers shall practice in ambulatory settings that assure the availability of services, including after hours coverage, and arrangements for inpatient coverage and referrals, as needed.
Hospital privileges for inpatient practice shall be maintained.
QUALITY OF CARE  The physician practice site has a credentialing program in place to review references and verify licensure and certification status of all providers, including National Practitioner Data Bank Query.
The practice site has a quality monitoring and improvement system in place, which may include patient satisfaction surveys, peer review systems, clinical outcome measures or other such tools.
Services will be delivered in a culturally appropriate fashion so as to be sensitive and responsive to the needs of the target population.
The practice site will address retention of providers through monitoring turnover rates, clinical team management efforts, pay comparability, surveys, exit interviews, and other means.
PROVIDER EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT  Loan Repayment Clinicians shall practice only in the medically underserved area and at the practice site for which originally approved by the DHCC, unless a change is approved in writing by DHCC.
The practice site shall inform DHCC about Loan Repayment Clinician vacancies, including resignations, termination, extended leave for providers, and filled/withdrawn status of recruitment needs. Notification shall be provided within 30 days prior to such occurrence, as or soon as it is known. The practice site shall document in writing all circumstances surrounding resignations and terminations.
The practice site agrees to cooperate with mail, telephone and/or site visits conducted by DHCC for the purpose of monitoring compliance with the Delaware Loan Repayment Program.
I certify that the information provided in this application is true and correct. I also understand that any intentional or negligent misrepresentation(s) of the information contained in this application may result in the forfeiture of eligibility to participate in this recruitment and retention program.
Signature of Facility Director or Applicant Official:
Title: Date:

## APPENDIX B

# DELAWARE LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM HEALTH PROFESSIONAL APPLICATION FORM

1.	Full Name:		Date of Application:
2.	Date of Birth:		
3.	Social Security Number:	-	
4.	US Citizen: ☐ Yes OR ☐ No		
5.	Present Home Address:		
6.	Home Telephone: ( ) Business Telephone: ( )		
7.	Name of desired Practice Site, if applicable Address:		
8.	Discipline: Indicate the specialty you're interest percent of time devoted to each.	sted in practicing an	d, if applicable, subspecialties and the <b>Specialty</b>
	Primary Care- MD		
	Primary Care- DO		
	Medical Oncologist		
	Pediatric Psychiatrist		
	Dentist- DMD		
	Dentist- DDS		
_	Dental Hygienist		
_	Certified Nurse Midwife		
	Physicians Assistant		
	Certified Nurse Practitioners		
_	Clinical/Counseling Psychologist		
	Licensed Clinical Social Worker		
	Psychiatric Nurse Specialists		
_	Licensed Professional Mental Health C	Counselor	
	Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist	t	

# **9. Proposed Service Commitment:**

Participation in the Delawar continuous full-time service. indicate the proposed length of	The maximum length of a	n initial contra	
Two (2) Years Three (3) Years			
10. License:			
Type:			
State:	Numbe	r:	
Date Issued:	Expiration Date:		
Restrictions:			
Has your license ever been su	spended or revoked? *	☐ Yes	□ No
Are any professional discipling	nary actions pending? *	☐ Yes	□ No
Have you ever been convicted as so defined under either Fector particularly enumerated in 11	leral or State law and as mo	•	□ No
*If you answered yes to eithe application.	r of the above questions, pl	ease attach an	explanation to this
Are You Board Eligible?	□ Yes □ No		
Are You Board Certified?	☐ Yes ☐ No		
Date of Certification			
Name of Board:			
Sub-Specialty Board:			
11. Education (Please use ad	ditional paper as necessary	)	
College/Program:			
Address:			
	To:		
Degree/Diploma:		Discipline:	
Contact Person:		<u> </u>	
Telephone: ( )			

	To:		
		Discipline:	
Contact Person:		Discipline.	_
Telephone:	( )		
Medical or Dental School:			
Address:			
From:	To:		
Degree/Diploma:		Discipline:	
Contact Person:			
Telephone:	( )		
. Residency Progra	am·		
mpleted several resi	idencies, or if your postgra	ogram most recently completed. If aduate training was completed through programs to the application.	
Residency:			
Address:			
From:	To:		
Degree/Diploma:		Discipline:	
Contact Person:			
Telephone:	( )		
	education, employment or la	censure records are under another nar	ne(s):
ease indicate if your	, , <u>F</u>		
ease indicate if your		Name	
ame	ty (Please use additional par		

If yes, please provide the following information.
Program Name:
Address:
Contact Person:
Telephone: ( )
When will this obligation be complete?
Do you have a current legal obligation to pay child support? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, please provide the following information:
Name of child:
Name and address of person/agency payment is mailed to:
Telephone number of person/agency payment is mailed to:
When will this obligation be complete?
<ul> <li>14. Describe your education and practice experience, which you believe qualifies you to participate in the Delaware Loan Repayment Program. Attach a one or two page description to this application that specifically includes the following: <ul> <li>Training and experience and commitment to providing services to underserved and vulnerable populations;</li> <li>Practice experience in shortage areas;</li> <li>Personal origins or other factors that describe your commitment to practice in a shortage area and/or to serve vulnerable populations;</li> <li>Service awards received during your education or practice;</li> <li>Pre-professional experiences which caused you to decide to practice in a shortage area; and</li> <li>Physicians and dentists should discuss their collaborative practice experience and commitment to working with physician assistants, certified registered nurse practitioners, dental hygienists, and other practitioner disciplines.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Selecting a practice opportunity is a very important decision. The following questions, along with those above, are designed to assist in making compatible matches between applicants and applicant practice sites and the patient population.
15. Language(s) Spoken Fluently
□ English □ French
□ Spanish □ German
☐ Arabic ☐ Chinese ☐ Chinese ☐ Other (please specify)
B-4

Signature of Loan Repayment Applicant	Date
best of my knowledge. I hereby authorize DI listed in the application for the purposes of	pplication packet is accurate and complete to the ICC to contact references and program directors of obtaining information about my professional ninal history background. I understand that attion.
21. How did you hear about the Delaware State l	Loan Repayment Program?
<b>20</b> . What date are you available for service?	
regarding such factors as proximity to recreatio	ements that you or your family members have n, special interests or social activities, availability ur spouse/significant other); proximity to schools,
Rate the areas in which you would consider wor (3) being your last.  Urban Suburban Rural	king with one (1) being your first choice and three
18. Geographical Area(s) of Interest Rate the area(s) of Delaware in which you wou choice and five (5) being your last.  New Castle County – Northern New Castle County – Southern Kent County Sussex – Eastern (Coastal/Resort as Sussex – Western	ld consider working with one (1) being your first
<ul><li>☐ Yes (If yes, please elaborate.)</li><li>☐ No</li></ul>	
17. Geographical Area(s) or Origin Are you a native of a rural or urban underserve time living or working in such an area?	d area, or have you spent a significant amount of
<ul> <li>□ Black, not of Hispanic origin</li> <li>□ Hispanic</li> <li>□ White</li> <li>□ Other (please specify)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>☐ Asian</li> <li>☐ American Indian , Alaskan Native</li> <li>☐ Pacific Islander, Native Hawaiian</li> </ul>
<b>16. Race/Ethnicity</b> (collected for workforce rese	earch purposes only)

#### APPENDIX C

#### DELAWARE LOAN INFORMATION AND VERIFICATION FORM

The following information must be provided for each loan that you are applying to have repaid under the Delaware Loan Repayment Program. **APPLICANTS**: Please complete PART A and then submit PART B to your lenders directly for verification. The Delaware State Loan Repayment Program is not responsible for submitting PART B to your lender.

#### PART A - TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT

Name of Lending Ir	stitution	and/or Federal, State	or Other Government Program	m:		
Street		City		State	Zip Code	e
Date of Loan:		Account No	umber:			
Original Amount of	Loan:	\$	Number of Payments	Made:		
Current Balance:	\$		Date of Balance:			
Payment Amount:	\$		Interest Rate Compounded	or Simple:		
Purpose of Loan (as	indicate	ed on loan application):	:			
school of medici and supplies, living one academic you Loans not eligible that establishes card debt and for (DIMER) are incompared to toward the education will be made of the Copy of Loan Ageorgy of Loan Ageorgy of Loan Ageorgy	ne, or a ing expear as of the productional the progression of the prog	a school or osteopa benses, and other ite defined by the U.S ederal loan consolid oceeds from the loa ceived from the Do e for repayment. T costs associated wi portion of a consolidant ent Attached: ion(s) Attached:	costs of attending under thy. Direct education co ems normally associated 5. Department of Educa dation will be considered ans were used to meet elaware Institute for Me the Delaware Loan Rep of the one health profession dation loan that will be	with the operation's Studied if documedirect educated Edu	le tuition, for cost of atternation Aid Hentation is acation cost acation and rogram will , and a dete	ees, book ndance for Handbook presente ts. Cred Researc l only pa
Copy of Approp	iiaic C	onsonuateu Loan L	ocuments Attached.	L	1 168	□ 110
Dear Lender(s):	(Retain	a copy of this form	n as record of advanced	payment i	request)	

I am requesting that your institution submit the information requested as soon as possible to: Sarah McCloskey, Haslet Armory Suite 202; 122 William Penn Street, Dover, DE 19901. You may contact Ms. McCloskey by calling (302) 672-5187.

#### **CERTIFICATION:**

I hereby certify to the accuracy of the above information and apply to enter into an agreement with the Delaware Loan Repayment Program for repayment of educational loans, incurred solely for the costs of education at an undergraduate or graduate school, a school of medicine, or a school of osteopathy (for tuition, educational expenses or living expenses from a college, university, government or commercial source). I hereby authorize the financial institution or Government named in item 1 above to release this information about the loan listed in item 1 above to the administrator of the Delaware Loan Repayment Program.

Warning: any person who knowingly makes a false statement or misrepresentation in this loan repayment transaction, bribes or attempts to bribe a federal or state official, fraudulently obtains repayment for a loan under this agreement or commits any other illegal action in connection with this transaction may be subject to a fine or imprisonment under federal statute. I have read this statement and understand its contents.

SIGNATURE OF LOAN REPAYMENT APPLI	CANT	DATE
PART B – APPLICANT SHOUD SUBMIT TO I	ENDER FOR VERIFIC	CATION
The individual identified on this form has applicated Program. The Delaware Loan Repayment Program retention of health care providers in underserved states that, to the best of his or her knowledge, the enforceable commercial, federal, state, or other government in the borrower's costs of attending undergrassichool of osteopathy (for tuition, educational exprogramment or commercial source). Please verify that any corrections in the "comment" space provided form in the spaces provided.	is a program designed to it areas of Delaware. The the loan information prov vernment educational loan iduate or graduate school, enses or living expenses the information according	improve the recruitment and individual identified above yided is a bona fide legally obtained for the purpose of a school of medicine, or a from a college, university, to your records and indicate
COMMENTS:		
I hereby certify to the accuracy of the loan info Verification Form, or as corrected by my notation		his Loan Information and
Signature:	Title:	Date:
Lending Institution Representative		
Address:	Telephone:	

E-Mail Address:

# Delaware Institute for Dental Education and Research Delaware Institute for Medical Education and Research Delaware Health Care Commission Delaware Higher Education Commission

#### Request to Release Personally Identifiable and Confidential Information

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) allows institutions of higher education, state education agencies, and other agencies administering student aid programs to release detailed information to only the student. The student may; however, voluntarily waive their privacy rights to the person(s) they choose to authorize in the statement below. By completing this form the named person(s) will have the ability to obtain information regarding the student's financial aid and/or student loan files

the student's financial aid and/or student loan files.
hereby waive my rights under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) by authorizing the Delaware Health Care Commission and Delaware Higher Education Commission, acting as agents for the Delaware Institute for Medical Education and Research to receive any requested information concerning my financial aid application, or application(s) for student loans, and other "non-directory" information pertinent to my application for the Delaware State Loan Repayment Program for Health Care Providers. The institutions and agencies directed to release information to the State's agents are listed below:
Health Professions Educational Institutions:
1.
2
Lenders/Guaranty Agencies/Loan Servicers:
1
2
3
4.
Student's Signature:
Social Security Number:
Date:

# APPENDIX D

# EXAMPLE: DELAWARE LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM ANNUAL PRACTICE REPORT

1.	Name of Loan Repayment Applicant:				
	Start Date:				
2.	Facility Information:				
	Street Address:				
	City:	State:	Zip:	County:	
	Telephone Number:		Fax Number	<b>:</b>	
	Non-Profit:		For Profit:		
3.	Practice Site:				
	Street Address:				
	City:				
4.	<b>Contact Person:</b>				
	Street Address:				
	City:				
	Telephone Number:		Fax Number	<b>:</b>	
	E-Mail Address:				
Туре	of Service(s) Provided:				
and to	e provide the medical special tall hours he/she worked in inician for each specialty pr	each specialty	and the number	of annual visits p	performed by
	Practice Type		Location	Total Hours/Week	Annual Visit

#### **Loan Repayment Clinician's Hours of Operation:**

Indicate the weekly work schedule of the Loan Repayment Clinician. Include the number of hours (with start and end times) and the primary location (hospital/practice site). The schedule must indicate the time the Loan Repayment Clinician is actually providing services; do not include travel or on-call time. If the Loan Repayment Clinician is practicing at more than one location, please complete a schedule for each location.

DAY	TIME (Start and End)		TOTAL HOURS
Monday	AM:	PM:	
Tuesday	AM:	PM:	
Wednesday	AM:	PM:	
Thursday	AM:	PM:	
Friday	AM:	PM:	
Saturday	AM:	PM:	
Sunday	AM:	PM:	

#### **Practice Site Data Regarding Active Clients:**

Provide the total number of active patients at the practice site in the previous calendar year with totals, as applicable, for primary care, specialty care and mental health services.

Total Number of Patients Receiving the Following Medical Services:
Primary Health Care Specialty Care Mental Health Care TOTAL
General (Adult) Dental Care Pediatric Dental Care
Total Users in Previous Calendar Year Below 200% of Federal Poverty Level (to the extent known)
Please provide a breakdown of each of the following payor types by age of patient.

AGE GROUP	MEDICAID	MEDICARE	SELF-PAY (UNINSURED)	COMMERCIAL INSURANCE
			NEGOTIATED/ REDUCED FEE or FREE SERVICE	
Birth – 11 Years	%	%	%	%
12- 18 Years	%	%	%	%
19-62 Years	%	%	%	%
63+ Years	%	%	%	%

This will certify that	(name of Loan
Repayment Clinician) provided m	nedical services to patients at the approved health facility site on
a full-time basis (minimum thirty	-seven and one-half (37.5) hours per week) for the time period
of through	·
Signature of Applicant Official:	
Title:	Date: